

Big Bend

Ranger Programs

National Park Service
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Big Bend National Park
Rio Grande Wild & Scenic River



April 16- 23, 2017

Sunday, April 16

Sorry, no programs today. Explore beyond the park and learn more about Big Bend history. The Terlingua Ghost Town offers several restaurants and stores, as well as a self-guiding tour of the old quicksilver mining district and historic cemetery.

Monday, April 17

Sorry, no programs today. The 22 mile-long Ross Maxwell Scenic Drive offers access to eight different trails, several scenic vistas, many paved pullouts with exhibits that highlight park geology and cultural history, and culminates at the Castolon Historic District. Take a day and go explore!

Tuesday, April 18

9:30 AM Guided Walk – “The Big Bend Pharmacy” In the impressive diversity of plants protected within the boundaries of Big Bend National Park, many have medicinal and therapeutic properties. Join Ranger R. Hamilton for an introduction to this natural pharmacy. Meet at Dugout Wells, six miles south from Panther Junction. Bring water, a hat, and good walking shoes. ½ mile. 1 hour.

Wednesday, April 19

9:30 AM Guided Walk – “Life at the Windmill” The desert may seem to be an impossible place to live but a significant number of living things thrive in this extreme environment. Join Ranger B. Smith for an hour of discovery and exploration into the secret, and not so secret, stories of life at the windmill. Meet at Dugout Wells, six miles south of Panther Junction Visitor Center. Bring water and a hat. ¼ mile. 1 hour.

Thursday, April 20

Sorry, no programs today. Consider a hike on Lost Mine Trail. The entire hike is 2.4 miles one-way with an elevation change of 1,100 feet, but walking the first mile to marker #10 leads to rewarding views.

Friday, April 21

9:00 AM Guided Walk – “Birds of the Big Bend” It’s always a great day to go bird watching. Grab your field guide and binoculars and join Ranger D. Sewing to look for some of Big Bend’s resident and migrant species and watch their antics. Meet in the Rio Grande Village Store parking lot. Bring water and sun protection. 1 mile. 1.5 hours.

Saturday, April 22

Sorry, no programs today. Why not try an early morning walk on the Rio Grande Village Nature Trail? This easy walk offers opportunities for viewing wildlife and seeing plants typical of the Chihuahuan desert and the Rio Grande floodplain. Ask a park ranger for more details.

Sunday, April 23

Sorry, no programs today. Enjoy the breath-taking beauty of Big Bend National Park in cool air conditioned comfort with our 22 minute Park Orientation film. Available daily on request at the Panther Junction Visitor Center.

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